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**RELAY ADMINISTRATION BOARD  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1998**

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RELAY ADMINISTRATION BOARD

DECEMBER 31, 1998

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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To the Board of Directors  
Relay Administration Board  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have audited the Statement of Financial Position of Relay Administration Board (a nonprofit organization) as of December 31, 1998, and the related Statements of Activities and Cash Flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Relay Administration Board as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 25, 1999, on our consideration of Relay Administration Board's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

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May 25, 1999

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 1998

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Interest Bearing Deposits	\$ 541,216	
Investments	16,625,455	
Accounts Receivable	858,187	
Accrued Interest Receivable	205,401	
Prepaid Expenses	<u>957</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$18,231,216

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Furniture and Fixtures	3,195	
Equipment	<u>8,063</u>	
Total Property and Equipment	11,258	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,310)</u>	
Net Property and Equipment		7,948

OTHER ASSETS

Deposits		<u>200</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$18,239,364</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 183,375	
Payroll Taxes Payable	<u>1,344</u>	
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 184,719

NET ASSETS - Unrestricted

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		<u>\$18,239,364</u>
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The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of This Statement.

RELAY ADMINISTRATION BOARD

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

REVENUES

Telephone Access Fees	\$4,236,566
Contract Reimbursements	500,000
Dividend Income	38,124
Interest Income	910,806
Realized Gain on Investments	4,296
Unrealized Gain on Investments	<u>152,905</u>

TOTAL REVENUES \$ 5,842,697

EXPENSES

Salary Expense	45,000
Payroll Tax Expense	3,442
Bank Charges	332
Depreciation Expense	1,609
Insurance	6,303
Interpretation Services	1,759
Legal and Professional	20,333
NASRA Dues	200
Office Expense	2,089
Pension Expense	3,150
Relay Services	2,147,440
Rent	4,275
Telephone	2,576
Travel and Conventions	<u>3,988</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES 2,242,496

INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS 3,600,201

NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 14,454,444

NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR \$18,054,645

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Increase in Net Assets \$ 3,600,201

Adjustment to Reconcile Change in Net  
Assets to Net Cash Flows From Operating  
Activities:

Depreciation	1,609
Realized Investment Gains	(4,296)
Unrealized Investment Gains	(152,905)
Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities:	
Accounts Receivable	(17,837)
Accrued Interest Receivable	(28,965)
Prepaid Expenses	(151)
Accounts Payable and Other Payables	<u>(127,940)</u>

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities 3,269,716

CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Purchase of CDs and Government Securities	(6,647,372)
Sales and Redemptions of CDs and Government Securities	3,366,806
Principal Collections on Collateralized Mortgage Obligations	39,553
Purchase of Property and Equipment	<u>(2,150)</u>

Net Cash Used in Investing Activities (3,243,163)

NET INCREASE IN CASH 26,553

CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR 514,663

CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR \$ 541,216

The Accompanying Notes are an Integral Part of This Statement.

RELAY ADMINISTRATION BOARD

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1998

(A) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Form of Operations** - Relay Administration Board (RAB) is a non-profit organization created by the Louisiana Public Service Commission as provided by Order Number U-17656-A pursuant to the telecommunications sections of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and other applicable regulations adopted by the Federal Communications Commission. The Board is comprised of five members who serve indefinite terms at the discretion of the Louisiana Public Service Commission. The RAB is charged with the responsibility of oversight of telephone relay services for the State of Louisiana, insuring equal access to telecommunications services for all hearing and speech impaired citizens, and acting as a liaison between the relay service provider and the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

**Financial Statement Presentation** - The Organization follows Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, "Financial Statements of Non-Profit Organizations." Under SFAS No. 117, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. In addition, the Organization is required to present a Statement of Cash Flows. As permitted by this new statement, the Organization has discontinued its use of fund accounting and has, accordingly, reclassified its financial statements to present the three classes of net assets as required. As of December 31, 1998, the Organization has only unrestricted net assets.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** - For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**Concentration of Credit Risk** - Financial instruments which potentially subject RAB to a concentration of credit risk consists primarily of cash in a highly rated financial institution.

Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. At December 31, 1998, RAB's uninsured cash balances totaled \$441,216.

**Income Taxes** - RAB is exempt from federal income tax as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Income determined to be unrelated business income is taxable. Also, in accordance with Section 6033 and Section 115 of the

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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(A) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Income Taxes - continued

Internal Revenue Code, related purpose receipts are excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, therefore exempting RAB from the requirement of filing annual returns.

**Use of Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Property and Equipment** - Property and equipment are valued at historical cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the assets' useful lives.

(B) INVESTMENTS

Investments are carried at their fair values as determined by published trade prices. Investments at December 31, 1998, are summarized as follows:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Appreciation (Depreciation)</u>
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 7,029,062	\$ 7,034,926	\$ 5,864
Government Securities	9,407,710	9,523,643	115,933
Collateralized Mortgage Obligations	<u>67,256</u>	<u>66,886</u>	<u>(370)</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$16,504,028</u>	<u>\$16,625,455</u>	<u>\$121,427</u>

(C) ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts Receivable at December 31, 1998, consisted of the following:

Telephone Access Fees	\$358,187
Contract Reimbursements	<u>500,000</u>
Total Receivables	<u>\$858,187</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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(D) FUNDING SOURCES

The operations of RAB are funded as follows:

Telephone Access Fees - In conjunction with Act 660 of the 1988 Regular Legislative Session of the State of Louisiana and Order No. U-17656-B of the Louisiana Public Service Commission, RAB is authorized to collect eleven cents (11¢) per access line for each local exchange carrier to the extent such collection is required to fund the telephone relay services of the State of Louisiana.

Contract Reimbursements - RAB has a professional services contract with the State of Louisiana Department of Social Services (DSS) to provide telephone relay service throughout the State of Louisiana to facilitate telecommunications between individuals with a hearing or speech disability and other members of the community. Under this contract, RAB may be reimbursed by DSS for its cost of providing such services up to \$500,000 for the contract term of July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999. Unreimbursed costs of \$500,000 through December 31, 1998, have been accrued as revenues.

The amount accrued as revenue for the 1998-1999 contract was paid in March 1999.

(E) EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

In 1996, RAB hired one full time employee and adopted a 403(b)(7) retirement plan. The employee can make salary deferred contributions into the plan and RAB can make matching or discretionary contributions. For 1998, RAB made matching contributions into the plan in the amount of \$3,150.

(F) CASH FLOW DISCLOSURES

There were no payments for interest expense or income taxes during 1998.

(G) LEASES

Relay Administration Board currently rents office space under an operating lease expiring in October, 1999, for \$412.50 per month.

Future minimum rentals at December 31 were:

1999	<u>\$4,125</u>
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors  
Relay Administration Board  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of Relay Administration Board, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated May 25, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide.

### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Relay Administration Board's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Relay Administration Board's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the

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design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Directors of the Relay Administration Board, the State of Louisiana Department of Social Services and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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May 25, 1999